

DELAWARE AGENCIES LICENSED FOR ADOPTION SERVICES

Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone No.	Agency Fax No.
A Better Chance For Our Children	700-A River Road Wilmington, DE 19809	(302) 764-1890	(302) 764-1893
A Better Chance For Our Children	3249 Midstate Road, Rt 12 Felton, DE 19943	(302) 335-1690	(302) 335-1691

Website: www.ABCFOC.org

Description: This adoption program focuses on the placement of children waiting in foster care in Delaware and throughout the United States with permanent families. The children placed by ABC may have a physical disability, be cognitively delayed, or experiencing emotional issues. They may have been exposed prenatally to drugs and alcohol and could be struggling with attachment issues. Many of the children placed through this agency are older or members of a sibling group. A Better Chance for Our Children places many children who are members minority groups. The agency, formerly known as Upper Bay Counseling Services and Support, has a strength based, team focused approach to working with families which the agency has been committed to for over 25 years. ABC believes in a very intensive pre-placement educational process in which families are encouraged to consider their motivation to adopt together with their ability to deal with experiences they may encounter as they become a family through adoption. Support is provided to families after placement and after finalization for as long as families need it.

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Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone No.	Agency Fax No.
Children & Families First	809 Washington Street Wilmington, DE 19801	(302)-777-9727	(302)658-9392
Children & Families First	2005 Baynard Boulevard Wilmington, DE 19802	(302) 658-5177	(302) 658-5170
Children & Families First	91 Wolf Creek Boulevard Dover, DE 19901	(302) 674-8384	(302) 678-5634
	410 South Bedford Street Georgetown, DE 19947	(302) 856-2388	(302) 856-2196

Website: www.cffde.org

Description: Adoption program primarily services children identified as having some special needs: older siblings who need placement together, children with difficult behaviors because of past trauma, drug-exposed infants, and children with serious medical conditions. A few young children, mostly African American, are placed for adoption. The African American Adoption Program emphasizes community outreach to find permanent homes for African American children. Information, extensive preparation, and mutual assessment (home study) services are offered to prepare prospective adoptive parents for the challenges and joys of adoption. Pregnancy options counseling is provided to assist birth parents in planning for their child. Post-adoption background information and search services for former agency clients and post adoption parents group (Kent & Sussex) and counseling are offered. Children & Families First is a private, not-for-profit statewide agency.

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Children's Choice of Delaware, Inc.	25 S. Old Baltimore Pike Lafayette Building, Suite 101 Newark, DE 19702	(302) 731-9512	(302) 731-9569
Children's Choice of Delaware, Inc.	707 Walker Road Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904	(302) 678-0404	(302) 678-9080

Website: www.childrenschoice.org

Description: A voluntary non-profit Christian agency licensed for foster care and adoption services in DE, NJ, PA, MD, and FL. Children's Choice offers the following adoption services:

1. Recruitment of adoptive families
2. Orientation and education for families
3. Home study services
4. Pre-placement and post-placement supervision

Children's Choice works with both special needs and international adoptions.

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Bethany Christian Services	260 Chapman Road Commonwealth Bldg, Suite 201G Newark, DE 19702	(302) 369-3470	(302) 369-1315

Website: www.bethany.org

Description: A private, national non-profit adoption agency that is licensed in DE, NJ, and PA. Although a Christian agency, it is not affiliated with any particular church or denomination and will work with all families. Bethany Christian Services provide both international and special needs adoption services, as well as pregnancy counseling.

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Adoptions from the Heart	18-A Trolley Square Wilmington, DE 19806	(302) 658-8883	(302) 658-8873

Website: <http://www.afth.org>

Description: A full service private, non-sectarian, non-profit adoption agency licensed in DE, NJ, PA, NY, and WV. Complete adoption services are provided to birth and adoptive families in local offices. Domestically, this agency places healthy Caucasian and minority infants in a full range of open adoption placement, whereby the birth parents can, if so desired, receive letters and pictures, and/or have visitations regularly as the child grows up. Birth parents are provided unlimited counseling and are assisted with living expenses when necessary. International adoption is also available as an option for adoptive parents. The countries the agency is currently facilitating adoptions through are Eastern Europe, China, and Vietnam.

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Child & Home Study Associates Delaware Office	1091 Stonecrop Road Wilmington, DE 19810	(302) 475-5433	(610) 565-1567
Description: A voluntary non-profit agency, licensed in DE, PA, and NJ. It was established in 1980 to provide a full range of adoption services. Pre-placement counseling helps to assist clients in identifying the kind of adoption most suitable for their family. This agency is a partner agency for international adoption with Children's Home Society of Minnesota, and is the Delaware networking agency for Los Ninos International Adoption Center. This agency also works closely with Holt International Children's Service and the Baker Foundation and provides adoption home study and supervisory services for many additional out-of-state agencies, both domestic and international, in accordance with state and Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations. Through the agency's association with these other agencies, a wide variety of international programs are currently available including China, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Columbia, India, Vietnam, Guatemala, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and Honduras. This agency provides guidance in selecting a program, as well as preparation and supervision. Identified adoption service is also available to Delaware clients.			
Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone No.	Agency Fax No.
LDS Social Services	500 W. Chestnut Hill Road Newark, DE 19713	(302) 456-3782	(301) 662-8737
Website:	website not available		
Description: None available			
Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone No.	Agency Fax No.
Madison Adoption Association Support Services	1009 Woodstream Drive Wilmington, DE 19810	(302)-475-8977	(302)-529-1976
Website:	http://www.madisonadoption.com		
Description: A full service private, humanitarian agency licensed in DE, PA and Illinois. Madison Adoption Associates' is a Hague accredited, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to bring hope, love, and a permanent family to children in need. By serving children and families through domestic and international adoption, our work is guided by the following core principles: * Conducting our business activities with our heart first and an unwavering commitment to ethics. * Treating each child with dignity; always acting in the best interests of the child. * Ensuring that each adoption process is transparent, with adherence to all laws and regulations. * Providing birth parents with caring, compassionate, nonjudgmental and confidential support. * Recognizing the unique and precious potential of each child and each family. * Securing stable and loving permanent families for children through pre-adoption preparation, education, and guidance. * Committing time and resources to charitable activities that help children who are not eligible for adoption to lead stronger, safer, healthier, and more productive lives.			